and more will be taken up gradually. It is not practicable to organize sanitary boards at present.

158. Introduction of compulsory vaccination.

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer B. A., B. L. (T. I. C., Trivandrum) represented that vaccination was now only optional even in towns and he had dwelt at length at the last session of the Assembly on the necessity for making it compulsory. In the absence of such a provision, it was not possible to maintain public health in a satisfactory state.

Reply.—In their review of the report of the working of the Sanitary department for 1081 already referred to, Government have remarked: "The question of compulsory infantile vaccination in towns will be separately considered." This requires legislation and will receive attention.

159. Investing Presidents of Town Improvement Committees with the revenue powers of the Division Peishkar for the collection of fees and cesses under Regulation III of 1076.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (T. I. C., Alleppey) observed that he made this suggestion with a view to remove the difficulty now experienced by the T. I. C. at Alleppey where the President, not being a Division Peishkar, did not possess the necessary powers for the speedy collection of fees and cesses under the Regulation.

Reply.—In towns in which the Peishkar is himself the President, there can be no difficulty. In Alleppey, however, the Presidentship is vested in another officer. No communication, however, has yet been received from the Committee there, as to the existence of the difficulties pointed out. Any representation from the Committee, if received, will be duly considered.

160. Desirability of increasing the number of native Vaidyasalas and incurring additional expenditure for their up-keep.

Mr. Chithira Nal Tampuran of Vadakumkur, Vaikam (Nominated) said that the number of grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas should be increased so as to admit of one Vaidyasala being maintained in every proverty, and that more Government aid should be given to these institutions.

Reply.—Native Vaidyasalas are institutions peculiar to this

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